

REMARKS

Claims 44-67 and 92-115 were pending. Claims 49-55, 61-67, 97-103, and 109-115 have been allowed, and the remaining claims have been rejected. With this amendment, all rejected claims, that is, claims 44-48, 56-60, 92-96 and 104-108, have been canceled. Since cancellation of claims is permitted after a final rejection under 37 CFR § 1.116(b)(1), Applicant submits that this claim amendment should be entered. In addition, a recurring typographical error was corrected in claims 49, 61, 97, and 109. Specifically, the phrase “culturing the CHO cells a medium” has been amended to read “culturing the CHO cells in a medium.” This amendment does not create any new issues for examination, and Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this amendment.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 92-96 and 104-108 stand rejected as obvious over Franz (US Patent No. 6,673,575) and claims 44-48 and 56-60 stand rejected as obvious over Franz in view of Schnaar et al. (US Patent No. 6,274,680), Wood et al. (US Patent No. 6,472,175), Gu et al. (1997), or Gu et al. (1997). Since there is only one Gu et al. reference dated 1997, Applicant assumes that the Examiner must have meant one of these to be Gu et al. (1998) (Gu et al. (1998), Biotechnol. Bioeng. 58:642-48). If this is not the case, Applicant requests clarification. Since all rejected claims have been canceled and all remaining claims have been allowed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests notice to that effect.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests allowance of the application. If any remaining issues can be most easily resolved via teleconference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the direct dial number listed below.

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